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GRADUATE SCHOOL *Newsletter*

CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 27 and August 2 Employee Development Officers Luncheon

SAFARI TO THE RIFT VALLEY

Guests at our July faculty luncheon journeyed with our speaker, Carey B. Singleton, Jr., (via a slide lecture) to the Rift Valley of eastern Africa.



Mr. Singleton, who teaches two Graduate School courses in international economics, had just returned from a 13,000-mile journey into the hinterlands of the "dark continent."

Traveling by Land Rover and by airplane, he surveyed the range and source of agricultural problems in the East Africa countries of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and the Malagasy Republic. The objectives of his field survey included also those of obtaining economic facts on agricultural products, farming practices, and marketing procedures and evaluating the prospects for markets, in the countries he visited, for U. S. agricultural products and farm equipment.

Color slides which Mr. Singleton took throughout his journey illustrated what he pointed to as the striking features of East Africa--its potential for agricultural production, the vast open spaces and amazing wildlife, and the fantastic contrasts, such as 15-story skyscrapers in modern cities and mud huts in nearby villages.

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HEAD AND SHOULDERS PROGRAM

Five Job Corps graduates who show exceptional promise will be the beneficiaries of a new "Head and Shoulders Program" approved by the General

Administration Board at its last meeting. This project, to assist outstanding Job Corpsmen in making a career in the Federal Civil Service, will be financed with funds from the Charles S. Murphy Endowment Fund, which was established for the purpose of aiding needy, and worthy students.

GOALS FOR NEW YEAR

I presented to the Board a list of suggested goals for the Graduate School in the fiscal year ahead. They are:

1. To improve our instructional program by (a) making our committees more representative and functional and making more effective use of them; (b) doing a better job of selecting and orienting new teachers; and (c) preparing and publishing a teachers' and committee members' handbook.
2. To pursue more vigorously the automating of our business, educational records and services.
3. To explore the problem of operating hours for our office, to find those most appropriate to best serve our clients.

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PAY INCREASE FOR TEACHERS

Another important action taken by the Board at its last meeting was to approve a \$15 increase in the honorarium for Graduate School instructors. This will bring our instructors a total of \$165 per semester hour. And, important to students--this action is being taken without increasing tuition charges.

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TEACHER WORKSHOP

One of our goals for the coming year, as outlined above, is the development of a handbook for instructors. I am appealing here and now for help on this project. We plan to hold a workshop to review the draft for this handbook on July 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. This will include dinner. We need teacher-volunteers who have read the handbook draft and want to help improve it. Dr. Joseph L. Matthews (DU 8-3691), chairman of our Committee on Academic Excellence, is heading up this project. Call him, or me, if you wish to help us develop this handbook.

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NEWS NOTES

Harold Breimyer, Staff Economist with the Consumer and Marketing Service of USDA, and for years one of our valued instructors in agricultural and

marketing economics, will become Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Missouri. He will be leaving the halls of USDA, after 20 years service there, on December 1. He will be missed here, but we know that our loss will be Missouri's gain.

Eldon L. Johnson, a former Director of the Graduate School, will on August 1 become vice president of the University of Illinois. He is currently serving as president of the Great Lakes Colleges Association.

Benjamin F. Robinson, Assistant Inspector General, of the USDA, and a member of our Graduate School Committee on Internal Audit and Public Administration, was recently elected president of the Washington Chapter of the Federal Government Accountants Association.

John P. Young, Chairman of the Graduate School Special Programs Committee and a member of the Graduate School Council, has recently left NASA to become Assistant to the Director for Programming Reporting at the Bureau of the Budget.

Two of our Graduate School people were among those recently elected as officers of OPEDA (Organization of Professional Employees of the Department of Agriculture). They are William R. Van Dersal, teacher of our popular Correspondence-TV course, "Success in Supervision," who was elected Professional Vice President; and Constance G. Coblenz, Graduate School Registrar, who was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

QUOTES

I'd like to share with you a few quotations from an address by Robert F. Goheen, president of Princeton University, as printed in a recent edition of American Scientist.

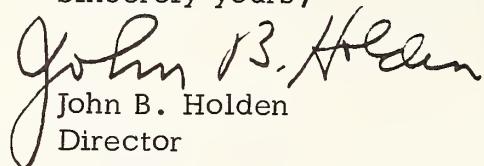
"Good teaching," Mr. Goheen observes, "can never be successfully dealt with in a mechanical way. What is important is the recognition of it."

"We should reject emphatically the proposition that 'hearsay' is somehow not admissible or legitimate in judging teaching. How, really, do we know a great teacher? Because of the spoken testimony of hundreds of students and colleagues.

"The successful teacher is known by the mark he leaves on his students. More often than not, two particular attributes will be found in the successful teacher. One is an ability to awaken and stimulate delight in the use of the mind. The second is attention, the effort to do so, together with a belief in its value to the student in his own right.

"A good teacher is interpreter in the house of learning. He puts the student in connection with the problem at hand, and leads him to seek and press an engagement with it."

Sincerely yours,


John B. Holden
Director